life which could serve as a shield against poverty during their old age. The recommendations contained in the report have a twin focus of further improving existing pension provisions and to devise a fresh pension plan for such workers who are not included in the present pension provisions but are capable of saving modest amounts which can be converted into Old age Income Security.

(c) No, Sir. The recommendations are presently under active consideration, of Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Grants to NGOs Under Maulana Azad Education Society in M.P.

†1143. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grants for the welfare of minorities have been provided to the voluntary organizations under Maulana Azad Educational Society in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the names of the voluntary organizations, along with the amount provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Maulana Azad Education Foundation has provided grants to the following Voluntary Organisations in Madhya Pradesh so far. The names of the voluntary organizations assisted and the amount of assistance provided . is as under:

(1) Muslim Welfare Society, Bhopal—Rs. 6,00,000/-

(2) Muslim Education & Career Promotion Society, Bhopal—Rs. 90,000/-

(3) Kurwai Education Society, Bhopal—Rs. 30,00,000/-

(4) Anjuman Tarrakiya Urdu, Vidisha—Rs. 15,00,000/-

(5) Horaizen Education Society, Burhanpur—Rs. 10,00,000/-

Appointment of Chief Commissioner Under Disability Act, 1995

1144. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that a Chief Commissioner has been appointed under the provisions of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of rights and Full Participation) Act, 1955;

(b) what steps have been taken under Section 58, 59 and 63 of said Act, State-wise;

(c) whether any annual report of the Chief Commissioner has been placed before Parliament; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the provisions in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 Act, the Chief Commissioner shall prepare, each financial year, and annual report giving a full account of his activities during the previous financial year and forward a copy thereof to the Central Government and the Central Government shall cause the annual report to be laid before each House of Parliament, along with the recommendations explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendation made in the Annual Report in so far as they relate to the Central Government and the reasons for non-acceptance, if any, of any such recommendation or part. The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has submitted his annual report for the period from September, 98 to March, 99 in January, 2000. The Chief Commissioner has taken several steps under Section 58, 59 and 63 of the said Act, which have been reflected in his Annual Report. Steps have been taken to lay the Annual Report of the Chief Commissioner along with the action taken report of the Central Government on the recommendation made in the Annual Report, before the Table of House.

Scheme to Liberate and Rehabilitate Scavengers

1145. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of Government to liberate and rehabilitate scavengers and their dependents from the inhuman occupation of carrying night-soil on their head have fallen flat, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 14th February, 2000;